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The Mayor advised Mr. Maxwell that every consideration would be given to his various requests.

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

Present: Mr. William H. Staub, President of the Association, and Dr. G. K. Robinson. They appeared in the interest of obtaining approval of an appropriation to the Health Department for the purchase of films for X-ray work in the City clinics. Dr. Robinson stated that Dr. Williams had informed them that \$10,000. had been cut out of his budget and it was their feeling that while they wanted to back the Department, they did not think their Association should pay out money which it collects through the sale of Tuberculosis seals for a routine expense of the Health Department. Dr. Robinson concluded his remarks by urging the Board to give the Health Department what it needs for TB work. Mr. Fallin informed them that he had allowed \$5,000.00 in the budget for this purpose.

HOUSING BUREAU

Mr. James W. Rouse, Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Housing Bureau appeared with the following members of the Advisory Council of the Housing Bureau: Messrs. Ewing, Moore, Ramsay, Wohlman, Whelan, Kreuger, Needle, Yates Cook, Hollyday and the Misses Murphy and Atkinson. They stated that the cuts that have been made in their budget are critical to the success of the Housing Bureau; that the Bureau was created through Ordinance of the City Council last year which ordinance charges the Housing Bureau with the responsibility of exerting the initiative in helping the other City departments to enforce the law to

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lift the slum areas out of their slum condition. They requested restoration of \$24,000.00 in the Budget to provide thirteen additional positions consisting of inspectors and clerks for field work. In addition, they requested an appropriation of \$15,000.00 for expenses of the Bureau. Considerable discussion ensued during which it was brought out that rehabilitation of slum areas brings new revenue to the City through increased assessment valuations.

Mayor D'Alesandro thanked the group for coming and told them he thought they had made a fine presentation.

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE BALTIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHERS ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Franklin O. Curtis, Chairman of the Budget Committee of the above organization, Mr. Samuel Jett, Mr. Edelman and other members of the organization appeared in the interest of the budget for the Department of Education. Mr. Curtis informed the Board of Estimates that his Executive Board was in favor of restoring the entire cut in the Department of Education's budget in spite of the fact that it would increase the tax rate by seven cents; however, they stated that they felt that the most important need was for restoration of items amounting to \$800,000.00 which would provide \$400,000.00 for pay raises to teachers as of September 1st instead of January 1st, putting them on a par with Baltimore County teachers. He also urged the restoration of fifty-three teaching positions because of the expected increase in enrollment next year and the restoration of the cut for maintenance of schools and school grounds. He also asked for the necessary amount for senior grade stenographers as against junior grade to assist principals